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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 488.636, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Missouri court-appointed special advocate programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 488.636, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 488.636, to read as follows:

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488.636. 1. In addition to all other court costs for domestic relations

2 cases, the circuit clerk shall collect an additional surcharge in the amount of

3 [two] five dollars per case for each domestic relations petition filed before a

4 circuit judge or associate circuit judge. Such surcharges collected by circuit court

5 clerks shall be collected and disbursed as provided by sections 488.010 to

3 488.020. Such [fees] surcharges shall be payable to the state treasurer, to be

deposited into the Missouri CASA fund. Three dollars of the surcharge shall

8 be used to fund recognized CASA programs, and two dollars of the

9 surcharge shall be used to fund new start-up CASA programs

10 throughout the state.

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2. In addition to the statewide surcharge established by this

12 section, each county commission, by majority vote, may choose to

establish an additional surcharge on domestic relation petitions filed

14 before a circuit judge or associate circuit judge, not to exceed five

15 dollars per petition filed, to be known as the "County CASA

16 Surcharge". Such surcharges shall be collected by circuit court clerks

and shall be payable to the county treasurer and disbursed to the

8 county's CASA program, or to start a new CASA program within the

19 collecting county, as directed by majority vote of the county

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- 20 commission.
- 3. Surcharges authorized pursuant to this section shall not be
- 22 charged when costs are waived or are to be paid by the state, county or
- 23 municipality.

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